

Chapter 2.9.5 Varroosis of Honey Bees

Article 2.9.5.2

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Rationale: In some countries, varroosis may not be notifiable in the entire country, but rather at a State or Provincial level. Therefore, in certain regions, though detection of the pest may not be notifiable at the national level, it may be at the local (State) level because that zone is free of the pest, and hence, that zone takes measures to prevent it from introduction.